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For: METHOD OF TRANSACTING MERCHANDISE ON ON-LINE SHOPPING AND  
SYSTEM OF PROCESSING INFORMATION ABOUT INTERMEDIARY

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 4, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1-20 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1-3 are amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 1-10 are independent.